

Proclamation

Juneteenth

June 19, 2021

WHEREAS, June 19th has special meaning to African-Americans, and is called "JUNETEENTH" combining the words June and Nineteenth, commemorating the traditional observance of the end of slavery in the United States; the origin of the holiday dates back to the end of the Civil War and celebrates freedom being granted to more than 250,000 slaves; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is one of a number of "freedom day" or Emancipation Day celebrations commemorating the importance of President Abraham Lincoln's signing of the 1863 Emancipation Proclamation; and celebrates the notification of the last enslaved people in Galveston, Texas by Union General Gordon Granger on June 19, 1865, delayed by two and one half years; and

WHEREAS, throughout our nation Juneteenth is celebrated annually as a historical and memorable tribute to our country's African American heritage and in 2021 President Joe Biden signed legislation into law establishing June 19 as Juneteenth National Independence Day and a national holiday; and

WHEREAS, Carroll County is proud to join our nation in honoring Juneteenth in an effort to promote and enhance the unity of our community, recognizing Juneteenth is a time for reflection and conversation to promote dialogue centered around race and equality.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF CARROLL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2021 as


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In Carroll County and further encourage the citizens of Carroll County to join in this observance.

Adopted this 17th day of June 2021

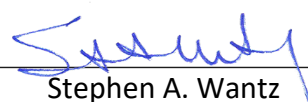
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